

LOG HOUSE "GORDONSDALE"

HABS NO. 11-6

FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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(NEAR) THE PLAINS

31-THE PLAIN

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*Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings*

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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LOG HOUSE, "GORDONSDALE"  
Near The Plains, Fauquier County  
Virginia

Owner: Mrs. Helen Baird Vickers.

Dates of Erection: Before 1775 (?).

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One and a half.

Materials of Construction: Oak logs covered with clay mortar.

Other Existing Records: See text. <sup>1</sup>

Additional Data: See following pages.

<sup>1</sup> See the following reference:  
Lancaster, R.A., Jr., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches,  
pp. v, 384.

HISTORICAL DATA

The land of the estate "Gordonsdale" was acquired in March 1735, by the Reverend Alexander Scott, from Owen Grinnen. Alexander Scott left the property to his nephew, the Reverend James Scott, who left it to his son, John Scott. John Scott moved his family and himself there in 1775, as he had been banished one hundred miles from Tidewater Virginia for being a royalist.

It is claimed that the Log House was built prior to 1775 by Owen Grinnen, as some building must have existed on the property prior to its ownership by the Scotts. It is known that the Scotts lived in this Log House when they came to the property in 1775 and that the house then stood on the site now occupied by "Gordonsdale" house proper. This Log House is supposedly the first one built in Fauquier County. References: Photostatic copy of the deed from Owen Grinnen to the Reverend Alexander Scott in the possession of the owners.

The present owner is Mrs. Helen Baird Vickers.

Reference: Thomas A. Fransioli, Jr.

This property is located between State Highway #15 and #55, about four miles east of Marshall and

about two miles south of The Plains.

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